

ON  $A$ -STATISTICAL CLUSTER POINTS

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper we study the concepts of statistical cluster points and statistical core of a sequence for  $C_\lambda$  methods defined by deleting a set of rows from the Cesáro matrix  $C_1$ . Also we get necessary conditions on the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  so that  $A$  and  $B$  are equivalent in the statistical convergence sense and, study the equality  $\Gamma_A(x) = \Gamma_B(x)$ , where  $\Gamma_A(x)$  is the set of  $A$ -statistical cluster points of the real number sequence  $x$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND NOTATIONS

In [5] Fridy introduced the concepts of statistical limit points and statistical cluster points of a number sequence. These concepts are compared to the usual concept of limit point of a sequence. In [6] Fridy and Orhan introduced the concepts of statistical limit superior and inferior. They have also given the definition of the statistical core of a real number sequence which is based on the idea of the statistical cluster points of the sequence, and proved the statistical core theorem. Those results have also been extended [7] to the complex case by them, too. In [2] Connor and Kline extended the concept of a statistical limit (cluster) point of a number sequence to a  $A$ -statistical limit (cluster) point where  $A$  is a nonnegative regular summability matrix. In [3] the present author extended the concepts of statistical limit superior and inferior (as introduced by Fridy and Orhan) to  $A$ -statistical limit superior and inferior and given some  $A$ -statistical analogue of properties of statistical limit superior and inferior for a sequence of real numbers. Also in [3] the concept of statistical core is extended to  $A$ -statistical core.

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First we introduce some notation. Let  $A = (a_{nk})$  denote a summability matrix which transforms a number sequence  $x = (x_k)$  into the sequence  $Ax$  whose  $n$ -th term is given by  $(Ax)_n = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{nk}x_k$ . As usual,  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$  denote the sets of positive integers and complex numbers, respectively.

If  $K$  is a set of positive integers,  $|K|$  will denote the cardinality of  $K$ . The natural density of  $K$  [11] is given by

$$\delta(K) := \lim_n (C_1 \chi_K)_n = \lim_n \frac{1}{n} |\{k \leq n : k \in K\}|,$$

if it exists, where  $C_1$  is the Cesàro mean of order one and  $\chi_K$  is the characteristic function of the set  $K$ .

We recall the following elementary result concerning natural density (See [11, page 222]):

Let  $E$  be an infinite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  and consider  $E$  as strictly increasing sequence of positive integers, say  $E = \{\lambda(n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ . Then

$$\delta(E) = \lim_n \frac{n}{\lambda(n)}$$

provided this limit exists. Because  $\delta(E)$  does not exist for all subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ , it is convenient to use the upper asymptotic density  $\delta^*(E)$ , which is defined by

$$\delta^*(E) = \limsup_n \frac{1}{n} |\{k \leq n : k \in E\}|$$

(See [9, p.xvii]). For convenience we state here some properties of  $\delta^*$ . For arbitrary subsets  $E$  and  $F$  of  $\mathbb{N}$  we have

- (i) if  $\delta(E)$  exists then  $\delta(E) = \delta^*(E)$ ;
- (ii)  $\delta(E) \neq 0$  if and only if  $\delta^*(E) > 0$ ;
- (iii) if  $E \subseteq F$ , then  $\delta^*(E) \leq \delta^*(F)$ .

Natural density can be generalized by using a nonnegative regular summability matrix  $A$  in place of  $C_1$ .

Following Freedman and Sember [4] we say that a set  $K \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  has  $A$ -density if

$$\delta_A(K) = \lim_n \sum_{k \in K} a_{nk} = \lim_n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{nk} \chi_K(k) = \lim_n (A \chi_K)_n$$

exists where  $A$  is a nonnegative regular summability matrix.

The number sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is  $A$ -statistically convergent to  $L$  provided that for every  $\epsilon > 0$  the set  $K_\epsilon := \{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - L| \geq \epsilon\}$  has  $A$ -density zero [2, 10]. In this case we write  $st_A - \lim x = L$ .

By  $st_A$  we denote the set of all  $A$ -statistically convergent sequences.

The number  $\gamma$  is a  $A$ -statistical cluster point of the number sequence  $x = (x_k)$  provided that for every  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\delta_A(K_\epsilon) \neq 0$  where  $K_\epsilon := \{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - \gamma| < \epsilon\}$  [2]. Note that the statement  $\delta_A(K) \neq 0$  means that either  $\delta_A(K) > 0$  or  $K$  fails to have  $A$ -density.

By  $\Gamma_A(x)$  we denote the set of all  $A$ -statistical cluster points of  $x$ . When  $A = C_1$  we shall simply write  $\delta$  instead of  $\delta_{C_1}$  and  $\Gamma$  instead of  $\Gamma_{C_1}$ .

The sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is the  $A$ -statistical bounded if it has a bounded subsequence  $\{x_k\}_{k \in E}$  such that  $\delta_A(E) = 1$ ;  $st_A - \limsup x$  and  $st_A - \liminf x$  are the greatest and least  $A$ -statistical cluster point of such an  $x$  [3]. Also  $A$ -statistically bounded sequence  $x$  is  $A$ -statistically convergent if and only if  $st_A - \liminf x = st_A - \limsup x$  [3].

Note that  $A$ -statistical boundedness implies that  $st_A - \limsup$  and  $st_A - \liminf$  are finite [3]. Some results on statistical limit points may be found in [2, 5, 6, 13].

For any complex number sequence  $x = (x_k)$  the  $A$ -statistical core of  $x$  is given by

$$st_A - core \{x\} = \bigcap_{H \in \mathbf{H}(x)} H,$$

where  $\mathbf{H}(x)$  is the collection of all closed half-planes  $H$  that satisfy  $\delta_A \{k \in \mathbb{N} : x_k \in H\} = 1$  (see [3]).

In [3, Theorem 6] it is shown that for every  $A$ -statistically bounded complex number sequence  $x = (x_k)$

$$st_A - core \{x\} = \bigcap_{z \in \mathbb{C}} B_x(z),$$

where

$$B_x(z) := \left\{ w \in \mathbb{C} : |w - z| \leq st_A - \limsup_k |x_k - z| \right\}.$$

When  $A = C_1$  we shall simply write  $st$ -core instead of  $st_{C_1} - core$  (see [6, 7]).

## 2. $C_\lambda$ -STATISTICAL CLUSTER POINTS

In [1] Armitage and Maddox introduced the summability method  $C_\lambda$  defined by deleting a set of rows from the Cesàro matrix. They gave some inclusion theorems for  $C_\lambda$  methods. This method has also been studied in [12].

Let  $E$  be an infinite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  and consider  $E$  as strictly increasing sequence of positive integers, say  $E = \{\lambda(n)\}_{n=1}^\infty$ . The summability method  $C_\lambda$ , as introduced in [1], is defined as

$$(C_\lambda x)_n = \frac{1}{\lambda(n)} \sum_{k=1}^{\lambda(n)} x_k,$$

where  $x = (x_k)$  is a sequence of real or complex numbers and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . It is clear that  $C_\lambda$  is regular for any  $\lambda$ .

Note that if  $A = C_\lambda$ , then  $\gamma \in \Gamma_{C_\lambda}(x)$  if, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\delta_{C_\lambda}(K_\varepsilon) = \lim_n (C_\lambda \chi_{K_\varepsilon})_n = \lim_n \frac{1}{\lambda(n)} |\{k \leq k(n) : |x_k - \gamma| < \varepsilon\}| \neq 0.$$

In the particular case when  $\lambda(n) = n$  we see that  $(C_\lambda \chi_{K_\varepsilon})_n$  is the  $C_1$  mean of  $\chi_{K_\varepsilon}$ .

In this section we establish inclusion relations between  $\Gamma_{C_\lambda}(x)$  and  $\Gamma_{C_\mu}(x)$  and between  $\Gamma(C_\lambda x)$  and  $\Gamma(C_\mu x)$  for  $C_\lambda$  methods. Also we study  $C_\lambda$ -statistical core for a bounded complex sequence.

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $F = \{\lambda(n)\}$  and  $E = \{\mu(n)\}$  be infinite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ . If  $E \setminus F$  is finite and  $\lim_n \frac{\lambda(n)}{\mu(n)} = d \neq 0$ , then*

$$\delta_{C_\lambda}(K) \neq 0 \text{ implies } \delta_{C_\mu}(K) \neq 0 \text{ for every } K \subseteq \mathbb{N}.$$

**PROOF.** If  $E \setminus F$  is finite, then there exists  $N$  such that  $\{\mu(n) : n \geq N\} \subset F$ . For  $n \geq N$  let  $j(n)$  be such that  $\mu(n) = \lambda_{j(n)}$ . Then  $(j(n))$  increases and  $j(n) \rightarrow \infty$ , (as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ). If  $\delta_{C_\lambda}(K) \neq 0$ , then

$$\delta_{C_\lambda}^*(K) = \limsup_n \frac{|\{i \leq \lambda(n) : i \in K\}|}{\lambda(n)} > 0.$$

Since  $\limsup_n (x_n y_n) \leq (\lim_n x_n)(\limsup_n y_n)$  provided that the right hand side exists, and

$$\frac{\lambda(n)}{\lambda_{j(n)}} \frac{|\{i \leq \lambda(n) : i \in K\}|}{\lambda(n)} \leq \frac{|\{i \leq \lambda_{j(n)} : i \in K\}|}{\lambda_{j(n)}},$$

we get

$$\delta_{C_\mu}^*(K) = \limsup_n \frac{|\{i \leq \mu(n) : i \in K\}|}{\mu(n)} > 0.$$

Hence  $\delta_{C_\mu}(K) \neq 0$ . □

Since  $E \Delta F = (E \setminus F) \cup (F \setminus E)$ ,  $(C_\mu x)_n = (C_1 x)_{\mu(n)}$  and  $(C_\lambda x)_n = (C_1 x)_{\lambda(n)}$ , we immediately get the following from Theorem 2.1.

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $F = \{\lambda(n)\}$  and  $E = \{\mu(n)\}$  be infinite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ .*

- (i) *If  $E \setminus F$  is finite and  $\lim_n \frac{\lambda(n)}{\mu(n)} = d \neq 0$ , then  $\Gamma_{C_\lambda}(x) \subseteq \Gamma_{C_\mu}(x)$ .*
- (ii) *If  $E \Delta F$  is finite and  $\lim_n \frac{\lambda(n)}{\mu(n)} = d \neq 0$ , then  $\Gamma_{C_\lambda}(x) = \Gamma_{C_\mu}(x)$ .*
- (iii) *If  $E \setminus F$  is finite and  $\lim_n \frac{\lambda(n)}{\mu(n)} = d \neq 0$ , then  $\Gamma(C_\mu x) \subseteq \Gamma(C_\lambda x)$ .*
- (iv) *If  $E \Delta F$  is finite and  $\lim_n \frac{\lambda(n)}{\mu(n)} = d \neq 0$ , then  $\Gamma(C_\mu x) = \Gamma(C_\lambda x)$ .*

When  $\lambda(n) = n$  the following may be deduced from (i) and (iii) of Theorem 2.2.

THEOREM 2.3. Let  $E = \{\mu(n)\}$  be infinite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

- (i) If  $\lim_n \frac{n}{\mu(n)} = d \neq 0$ , then  $\Gamma(x) \subseteq \Gamma_{C_\mu}(x)$ .
- (ii) If  $\lim_n \frac{n}{\mu(n)} = d \neq 0$ , then  $\Gamma(C_\mu x) \subseteq \Gamma(C_1 x)$ .

It is clear from (i) of Theorem 2.2 that for every bounded complex sequence  $x = (x_k)$

$$st_{C_\lambda} - \limsup |x| \leq st_{C_\mu} - \limsup |x|.$$

So it follows that, for any  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ w \in \mathbb{C} : |w - z| \leq st_{C_\lambda} - \limsup_k |x_k - z| \right\} &\subseteq \\ &\subseteq \left\{ w \in \mathbb{C} : |w - z| \leq st_{C_\mu} - \limsup_k |x_k - z| \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Now Theorem 6 of [3] implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcap_{z \in \mathbb{C}} \left\{ w \in \mathbb{C} : |w - z| \leq st_{C_\lambda} - \limsup_k |x_k - z| \right\} &\subseteq \\ &\subseteq \bigcap_{z \in \mathbb{C}} \left\{ w \in \mathbb{C} : |w - z| \leq st_{C_\mu} - \limsup_k |x_k - z| \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$st_{C_\lambda} - \text{core}\{x\} \subseteq st_{C_\mu} - \text{core}\{x\}.$$

Thus we have

COROLLARY 2.4. Let  $F = \{\lambda(n)\}$  and  $E = \{\mu(n)\}$  be infinite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ . If  $E \setminus F$  is finite and  $\lim_n \frac{\lambda(n)}{\mu(n)} = d \neq 0$ , then  $st_{C_\lambda} - \text{core}\{x\} \subseteq st_{C_\mu} - \text{core}\{x\}$  for every bounded complex sequence  $x$ .

We immediately get the next corollary from (ii),(iii) and (iv) of Theorem 2.2 while the latter from Theorem 2.3 for every bounded complex sequence  $x$ .

COROLLARY 2.5. Let  $F = \{\lambda(n)\}$  and  $E = \{\mu(n)\}$  be infinite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ . Then, for every bounded complex sequence  $x$ ,

- (i) if  $E \Delta F$  is finite and  $\lim_n \frac{\lambda(n)}{\mu(n)} = d \neq 0$ , then  $st_{C_\lambda} - \text{core}\{x\} = st_{C_\mu} - \text{core}\{x\}$ ;
- (ii) if  $E \setminus F$  is finite and  $\lim_n \frac{\lambda(n)}{\mu(n)} = d \neq 0$ , then  $st - \text{core}\{C_\mu x\} \subseteq st - \text{core}\{C_\lambda x\}$ ;
- (iii) if  $E \Delta F$  is finite and  $\lim_n \frac{\lambda(n)}{\mu(n)} = d \neq 0$ , then  $st - \text{core}\{C_\mu x\} = st - \text{core}\{C_\lambda x\}$ .

COROLLARY 2.6. Let  $E = \{\mu(n)\}$  be infinite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ . Then, for every bounded complex sequence  $x$ ,

- (i) if  $\lim_n \frac{n}{\mu(n)} = d \neq 0$ , then  $st - core \{x\} \subseteq st_{C_\mu} - core \{x\}$ ;
- (ii) if  $\lim_n \frac{n}{\mu(n)} = d \neq 0$ , then  $st - core \{C_\mu x\} \subseteq st - core \{C_1 x\}$ .

### 3. CONSISTENCY OF $A$ -STATISTICAL CONVERGENCE

In this section we consider the concept of  $A$ -statistical convergence and recall definitions of inclusion and consistency in the statistical convergence sense as introduced by Fridy and Khan [8]. Also we get necessary conditions on the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  so that  $A$  and  $B$  are equivalent in the statistical convergence sense and  $\Gamma_A(x) = \Gamma_B(x)$  for a real number sequence  $x$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are nonnegative regular summability matrices.

We begin by giving two definitions.

DEFINITION 3.1. If  $st_A \supset st_B$ ,  $A$  is said to be stronger than  $B$  in the statistical convergence sense.

DEFINITION 3.2. Matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are called consistent in the statistical convergence sense if  $st_A - \lim x = st_B - \lim x$  whenever  $x \in st_A \cap st_B$ . If  $A$  is stronger than  $B$  in the statistical convergence sense and consistent with  $B$  in the statistical convergence sense we then write  $A \supset^{st} B$  [8]. If  $A \supset^{st} B$  and  $B \supset^{st} A$ ,  $A$  and  $B$  are called equivalent in the statistical convergence sense (denoted by  $A \approx^{st} B$ ).

Throughout this section  $A = (a_{nk})$  and  $B = (b_{nk})$  will denote nonnegative regular summability matrices.

THEOREM 3.3. If the condition

$$\limsup_n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_{nk} - b_{nk}| = 0 \quad (*)$$

holds, then  $\delta_A(K) = 0$  if and only if  $\delta_B(K) = 0$  for every  $K \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ .

PROOF. (Necessity). If  $\delta_A(K) = 0$ , then  $\lim_n \sum_{k \in K} a_{nk} = 0$ . Since

$$|(A\chi_K)_n - (B\chi_K)_n| \leq \sum_{k \in K} |a_{nk} - b_{nk}| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_{nk} - b_{nk}|,$$

we have  $\limsup_n |(A\chi_K)_n - (B\chi_K)_n| = 0$  by (\*), which implies

$$\delta_B(K) = \lim_n \sum_{k \in K} b_{nk} = 0.$$

Sufficiency follows from the symmetry. □

Hence we can get the following results from Theorem 3.3.

THEOREM 3.4. *If  $A$  and  $B$  satisfy the condition  $(*)$ , then*

- (i)  $st_A = st_B$
- (ii)  $\Gamma_A(x) = \Gamma_B(x)$

for a real number sequence  $x$ .

The statistical limits in (i) of Theorem 3.4 agree (i.e.,  $st_B - \lim x = L$  implies  $st_A - \lim x = L$ ). Therefore, if  $A$  and  $B$  satisfy condition  $(*)$  of Theorem 3.3, then  $A$  and  $B$  are consistent in the statistical convergence sense.

Note that the support sets generated by nonnegative summability methods  $A$  and  $B$  can be used to determine when, if a sequence  $x$  is both  $A$ - and  $B$ -statistically convergent, the  $A$ -statistical and  $B$ -statistical limits of  $x$  agree. In [2] Connor and Kline, using the “ $\beta\mathbb{N}$  program” have shown that  $A$  and  $B$  assign the same statistical limit to  $x$  if  $K_A \cap K_B \neq \emptyset$  where the sets  $K_A$  and  $K_B$  are the support sets of the nonnegative regular summability matrices  $A$  and  $B$ .

The next corollary shows that we have the same result under different conditions.

COROLLARY 3.5. *If  $A$  and  $B$  satisfy the conditions  $(*)$  of Theorem 3.3, then  $A \stackrel{st}{\sim} B$ .*

Recall that  $A$ -statistical boundedness implies that  $st_A - \limsup$  and  $st_A - \liminf$  are finite and  $st_A - \limsup x$  and  $st_A - \liminf x$  are the greatest and least  $A$ -statistical cluster points of such an  $x$  [3]. Also

$$st_A - core\{x\} = [st_A - \liminf x, st_A - \limsup x]$$

for any  $A$ -statistically bounded real number sequence  $x$  [3].

Hence we can get the following from (ii) of Theorem 3.4.

COROLLARY 3.6. *If  $A$  and  $B$  satisfy the condition  $(*)$ , then  $st_A - core\{x\} = st_B - core\{x\}$  for every bounded real sequence  $x$ .*

Note that the converse of Corollary 3.6 does not hold. This is seen by the following example.

EXAMPLE 3.7. Consider the matrices  $A = (a_{nk})$  and  $B = (b_{nk})$  defined by

$$a_{nk} = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{3(n+1)}, & k = n^2 \\ 1 - \frac{n}{3(n+1)}, & k = n^2 + 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

and

$$b_{nk} = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{5(n+1)}, & k = n^2 \\ 1 - \frac{n}{5(n+1)}, & k = n^2 + 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It is clear that  $A$  and  $B$  are nonnegative regular matrix summability methods.

Let us define the sequence  $x = (x_k)$  by

$$x_k = \begin{cases} 1, & k = n^2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

If we write  $E_1 := \{k = n^2 : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  and  $E_2 := \{k \neq n^2 : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ , then we have  $\delta_A(E_1) = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\delta_A(E_2) = \frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\delta_B(E_1) = \frac{1}{5}$ ,  $\delta_B(E_2) = \frac{4}{5}$ . Thus  $\Gamma_A(x) = \Gamma_B(x) = \{0, 1\}$ . Also,  $st_A - core\{x\} = st_B - core\{x\} = [0, 1]$ . Observe that

$$\limsup_n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_{nk} - b_{nk}| = \frac{4}{15}.$$

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